

House File 2279

H-8008

1 Amend House File 2279 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and  
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 96.2, Code 2022, is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 **96.2 Guide for interpretation.**

7 1. As a guide to the interpretation and application of  
8 this chapter, the public policy of this state is declared to  
9 be as follows: Economic insecurity due to unemployment is  
10 a serious menace to the health, morals, and welfare of the  
11 people of this state. Involuntary unemployment is therefore  
12 a subject of general interest and concern which requires  
13 appropriate action by the legislature to prevent its spread  
14 and to lighten its burden which now so often falls with  
15 crushing force upon the unemployed worker and the worker's  
16 family. The achievement of social security requires protection  
17 against this greatest hazard of our economic life. This can  
18 be provided by encouraging employers to provide more stable  
19 employment and by the systematic accumulation of funds during  
20 periods of employment to provide benefits for periods of  
21 unemployment, thus maintaining purchasing power and limiting  
22 the serious social consequences of poor relief assistance.  
23 The legislature, therefore, declares that in its considered  
24 judgment the public good and the general welfare of the  
25 citizens of this state require the enactment of this measure,  
26 under the police powers of the state, for the compulsory  
27 setting aside of unemployment reserves to be used for the  
28 benefit of persons unemployed through no fault of their own.

29 2. It is the finding of the legislature that true economic  
30 development can only be achieved when workers are given the  
31 respect they deserve. Economic development must include all  
32 residents of this state, including men and women, people of all  
33 gender identities, minorities, and immigrants. The legislature  
34 further finds that economic development should include but not  
35 be limited to residents of this state being paid a living wage,

1 this state being a welcoming place for immigrants, child care  
2 and housing being readily affordable and available, and public  
3 workers having collective bargaining rights.>  
4 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting <An  
5 Act establishing legislative findings relating to economic  
6 development.>

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